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SUBJECT: LOME CONVENTION TO BE RENEGOTIATED

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SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS IN JANUARY 19
SPEECH HERE SAID PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN FOR RENEGOTIATION
OF LOME CONVENTION WITH OPENING MINISTERIAL SESSION
POSSIBLE IN JULY. HE INDICATED SEVERAL NEWLY INDEPENDENT
AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL LIKELY BE ACCEPTED AS MEMBERS AND
THAT NATURAL RESOURCE PROCESSING, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE,
ENERGY, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION, DROUGHT AND
DESERT ENCROACHMENT AND EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
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WILL BE PRIORITY AREAS OF COOPERATION IN FUTURE. JENKINS
WELCOMED ENTRY OF NEW MEMBERS INTO EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
BUT EXPRESSED SOME CAUTION THAT ENLARGEMENT COMMUNITY
DOES NOT RPT NOT DILUTE ITS POLITICAL CHARACTER AND TURN IT
INTO MERE FREE TRADE AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. AS PREDICTED REFTTEL, EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT

ROY JENKINS DISCUSSED RENEGOTIATION LOME CONVENTION IN
SPEECH AT OPENING KHARTOUM INTERNATIONAL FAIR JANUARY 19.
EMBASSY POUCHING FULL TEXT SPEECH TO DEPARTMENT
(EUR/RPE) AND USEEC BRUSSELS.

2. JENKINS BEGAN SPEECH BY NOTING THAT EEC IS BY FAR SUDAN'S
MOST IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNER AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
AS PRESIDENT OAU 1978/79 AND AS LINK BETWEEN ARAB AND
AFRICAN WORLDS SUDAN WILL PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE NOTABLY
DURING PERIOD OF RENEGOTIATION OF LOME CONVENTION.
JENKINS ALSO NOTED DESIRE EXPAND EURO-ARAB LINKS ESPECIALLY
IN AREA TRILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. JENKINS THEN WENT ON TO SAY EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS
NOW MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY COMMON MARKET AND THAT
MOTIVE FORCE FOR COMMUNITY IN EUROPE WAS AND REMAINS
POLITICAL. HE WELCOMED PROSPECT OF GREECE,
PORTUGAL AND SPAIN JOINING COMMUNITY, HOWEVER, HE SAID
QUOTE WE SHALL BE LOOKING CAREFULLY AT IMPLICATIONS OF
ENLARGEMENT FOR OUR EXTERNAL PARTNERS...WE MUST...
ENSURE THAT ENLARGEMENT WHICH WILL CREATE MAJOR ECONOMIC
AND INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE MEMBER
STATES DOES NOT RPT NOT DILUTE POLITICAL CHARACTER OF
COMMUNITY AND TURN IT INTO MERE FREE TRADE AREA. UNQUOTE.

4. AS HE APPROACHED DISCUSSION OF RENEGOTIATION LOME
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CONVENTION JENKINS SPOKE POSITIVELY ABOUT NORTH-SOUTH
DIALOGUE AND PARIS CIEC MEETINGS IN 1977. HE ALSO
MENTIONED HIS MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.
TURNING TO FUTURE HE SAID THERE EXISTS REALITY OF GREATER
NORTH-SOUTH RECIPROCITY THAN GENERALLY RECOGNIZED. REGIONAL
COOPERATION THEREFORE MAJOR ELEMENT IN ESTABLISHING MORE
REALISTIC CONTEMPORARY ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

5. JENKINS FINALLY DISCUSSED LOME CONVENTION ITSELF.
HE SAID PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN ON BOTH SIDES FOR
RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN FALL 1978 WITH POSSIBILITY
OF OPENING MINISTERIAL SESSION IN JULY. JENKINS INDICATED
THAT ONE ISSUE TO BE CONSIDERED IS EXPANSION OF LOME
MEMBERSHIP FROM THIRD WORLD, AND HE INDICATED THAT
MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL NEWLY INDEPENDENT
COUNTRIES OF AFRICA INCLUDING ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AND ALSO
ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA ONCE THEY ARE INDEPENDENT.

6. JENKINS CITED SIX PRIORITY AREAS FOR COOPERATION,
VIZ., (A) MORE MEDIUM SIZED INDUSTRIES SHOULD BE
CREATED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD ENABLE MORE
TRANSFORMATION AND PROCESSING ON THE SPOT OF NATURAL

RESOURCES. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY CANNING AND REFRIGERATION; (B) AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESOURCES; (C) COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT. HERE JENKINS SUGGESTED SERIOUS STUDY OF A FIVE YEAR PROGRAM FOR IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS IN AFRICA. (D) ENERGY; (E) DROUGHT AND DESERT ENCROACHMENT AND (F) EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

7. COMMENT: WE LEAVE GENERAL COMMENT FOR USEEC BRUSSELS AND OTHERS TO MAKE. WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN, RENEGOTIATION OF LOME CONVENTION WILL BE CONSIDERED VERY IMPORTANT SINCE EEC ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRY IS QUITE SUBSTANTIAL. MOREOVER, SINCE, AS JENKINS NOTED, SUDAN WILL BE OAU PRESIDENT DURING RENEGOTIATION PERIOD, SUDANGOV LIKELY UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE CALLED UPON PLAY MAJOR ROLE. THEREFORE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND USEEC PLEASE KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS THIS SUBJECT. BERGUS UNQUOTE VANCE

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